Assistance to craftsmen and weavers in Uttaranchal

2416. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target has been fixed by Government to give financial assistance to craftsmen and weavers under Self-Employment Scheme in Uttaranchal, especially in remote areas of the State; and

(b) if so, the number of craftsmen and weavers who have been benefited so far under this scheme in Uttaranchal, district-wise and block-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) No Sir, there is no Self-Employment Scheme in the Hanidcrafts and Handlooms sector. However, in Handicrafts Sector Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) is being implemented for integrated development of Handicraft Clusters and in Handlooms. Sector, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) is being implemented for promotion of Handloom Weavers through various interventions like technology, marketing and other basic inputs. These schemes are being implemented throughout the country including the State of Uttaranchal. Under AHVY, six projects have been sanctioned for integrated development of craft clusters in Uttaranchal during last three years benefiting 130 Self Help Groups comprising of 2026 artisans. Similarly under DDPHY, 1794 handloom weavers benefited in Uttaranchal during last three years. In addition to above, 437 handicraft artisans have also been provided Artisan Credit Card in Uttaranchal to enable them to avail loans from Banks to meet there working capital requirements.

Involvement of Private Parties in setting up of Textile Parks

2417. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to involvement private parties to set up 25 integrated textile parks in the country within a span of two years;

(b) if so, the number of private parties with locations which have so far shown interest in the scheme;

(c) whether any subsidy would be given to the parties, if so, under what conditions; and

(d) the benefits likely to accrue in the event of all the 25 textile parks become operational?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government has launched the 'Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), by merging the 'Scheme for Apparel Parks for Exports (APE)' and 'Textile Centre infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS)'. This scheme is based on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and would facilitate textile units to meet international environmental and social standards. The scheme envisages development of 25 Integrated Textile Parks by 2006-07.

(b) A number of entrepreneurs from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have shown interest to avail of the benefits of the scheme.

(c) The Government of India's (GoI) support under the Scheme by way of Grant or Equity is limited to 40% of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 40 crore. However, the combined equity stake of GoI/State Government/State Industrial Development Corporation, if any, shall not exceed 49%. The project cost will cover common infrastructure and buildings for production/support activities, depending upon the need of the park. Land for the park shall be purchased/arranged by the SPV.

(d) The scheme will facilitate setting up of modern textile units, employment generation, private investment and increase in textile exports.

Development of handloom sector

2418. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether various schemes pertaining to the development of handloom sector are in vogue in the country;

(b) if so, the details of schemes;

(c) the Central fund allotment to States in this regard, State-wise and scheme-wise;